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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	Γ	DATE	July 11, 2012	
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	Γ	DOCKET NO.	2012-218-E	
UTILITIES MATTER	▽	ORDER NO.	2012-546	

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2012-218-E - <u>Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Increases and Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for Mid-Period Reduction in Base Rates for Fuel - Discuss with the Commission the Letter from United States Attorney William Nettles Appointing Ellen M. Evans, Esquire as a Special Assistant United States Attorney to Appear before the Commission.</u>

COMMISSION ACTION:

We have received a letter from the U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina, appointing Ellen M. Evans, Esquire, to represent the Navy and the Federal Executive Agencies before this Commission in the upcoming South Carolina Electric & Gas electric rate case. It is my understanding that Ms. Evans and the Navy take the position that this appointment takes the place of the *pro hac vice* rules of the South Carolina Supreme Court. Mr. Chairman, it is also my understanding that this Commission is subject to the *pro hac vice* rules because the South Carolina Supreme Court is responsible for the administration of the practice of law in South Carolina. Ms. Evans has cited no legal authority to show that an appointment from the U.S. Attorney may take the place of the Court rules governing the practice of law before this Commission. Accordingly, I move that we request that Ms. Evans and the Navy follow the *pro hac vice* rules established by the South Carolina Supreme Court prior to her appearance before this Commission in the SCE&G electric rate case.

PRESIDING:	<u>Howard</u>				SESSION:	: <u>Regul</u>	<u>ar</u>	TIME:	2:00	p.m.
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